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Cantonment Board Establishment
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether people living in Cantonment Board areas of the country are facing many problems;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up a High Level Committee to solve various problems of civil population residing in such areas and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to transfer such defence area of Cantonment Board of civil population into State owned area which would enjoy all facilities given by Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) or Municipalities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): Reports and representations are received from time to time about difficulties faced by residents of Cantonment Board areas. These cover subjects such as closure of roads, delay in mutation of properties, renewal of leases, building bye-laws and provision of civic amenities.

(c) There is no such proposal.

(d) & (e): Suggestions are received from time to time from various quarters, for transfer of civil areas within cantonments to adjoining municipalities / Panchayats. Cantonment Boards being deemed municipalities already provide a wide variety of municipal services / civic amenities to their residents. However, recently, in principle decision has been taken for excision of civil area from the limits of Yol Cantonment Board in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh.
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